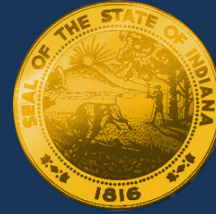




MARION COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE



Terry Curry, Prosecutor

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Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

Arrange for packages to be delivered while you are home or have them delivered at your workplace if permitted.

Do not post on social media sites that you will be out of town during the holidays.

Use timers for your outside lights so they are on even when you are not home.

Do not put empty boxes, especially electronic boxes, out in the open on trash day.

When buying or selling using online classifieds (e.g., Craigslist)

Insist on a public meeting place like a cafe.

Do not meet in a secluded place or invite strangers into your home.

Tell a friend or family member where you're going or have someone accompany you.

A message from Prosecutor Terry Curry

Burglaries and thefts remain an unfortunate problem throughout the year, but holiday season purchases often prove to be an even greater incentive for thieves. Our Multi-jurisdictional Offender Strategy Team (M.O.S.T.) has provided burglary and theft prevention safety tips to use as guidelines during the holiday season (please see sidebar). In addition to those tips, I will recommend a direct way citizens can help deter burglaries in their neighborhoods: Be a nosey neighbor. Be on the lookout for suspicious activity and communicate as a neighborhood. Burglaries can impact the sense of security and safety in a neighborhood, and communication with neighbors and law enforcement can be an effective way to address the issue.

On a related note, our office is continuing to pursue those who we have alleged are responsible in the October Northside home invasions. To date, a total of 12 individuals have been formally charged for their roles in the alleged crimes. Four suspects have been identified and charged in both incidents. In addition, six individuals have been charged for assisting the robbery suspects in various roles, including one individual who is alleged to have helped the fugitive Adrian Anthony evade police for nearly two weeks.

Update on Richmond Hill explosion case

Nearly one year after charges and arrests were announced for the Nov. 10, 2012, explosion in the Richmond Hill neighborhood, the cases against the three defendants have been set for trial in June 2014. The Court has granted a defense request that the three defendants be tried separately. Prosecutors have requested that the Court consider holding those trials concurrently, allowing for one trial with three juries to satisfy the severance ruling while limiting cost and the amount of time required. If tried separately, each trial is expected to last as long as six weeks, with approximately 250 witnesses and 2,000 pieces of evidence introduced by the prosecution. If tried at the same time, the trial is expected to last eight weeks total for all three defendants.



Fifty-two charges have been filed in the case, including two counts of Murder for the deaths of John and Jennifer Longworth, and multiple counts of Arson for the homes destroyed or damaged.

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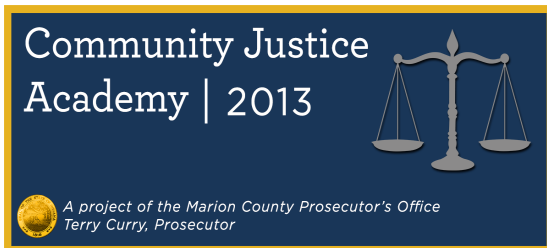
Four charged in identity theft scheme

Four individuals have been charged in an identity theft scheme to use stolen Social Security numbers marketed as "credit profile numbers" (CPNs). The defendants are accused of using the CPNs along with other falsified personal information to open lines of credit, including car purchases up to \$60,000.

Prosecutor Curry cautioned consumers seeking a legitimate course of action to improve their credit not to fall for this illegal scheme. CPNs are commonly marketed online and sold for \$3,000 to \$5,000. Read more at www.Indy.gov/MCPO/news.



3rd annual Community Justice Academy recap



In October 2013 the Marion County Prosecutor's Office hosted the third annual Community Justice Academy. Designed to educate and engage citizens about crime prevention strategies and the criminal justice process, the Academy builds on the work of the Community Prosecution Division of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office by offering sessions that are tailored to areas of citizen interest and specific community needs.

Topics covered this year included An Inside Look at the Grand Jury, Gun Violence and Gun Law, CSI Indianapolis: How Prosecutors use Forensic Science, and Prosecuting Juvenile Crime and Gangs. Videos of the presentations are now available on our website at www.Indy.gov/MCPO/CJA.

David Bisard sentenced for 2010 fatal crash

On November 26, former IMPD officer David Bisard was sentenced to serve 16 years (13 executed) for the 2010 crash that killed Eric Wells and seriously injured Mary Mills and Kurt Weekly. Bisard was convicted in November by an Allen County jury after the trial was moved out of Marion County by a change of venue order. The judge also ordered Bisard to undergo alcohol abuse counseling as part of the sentence.

Convicted of nine counts in the 2010 case, Bisard still faces OVWI charges in Marion County related to a crash that occurred in April 2013. The 2013 case is set for a pre-trial conference on Dec. 17.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Free crime prevention programs

*Offered by the
Marion County Prosecutor's
Community Prosecution Division*

Schedule a presentation at:
(317) 327-3522 or MCPO@indy.gov

Burglary and property crime prevention: Protecting your home and vehicle from crime.

Power Against Fraud presentation for seniors: Elder fraud and scam prevention for seniors.

Project CyberSafe: Educating children and parents about the dangers of online behavior and legal consequences of cyberbullying.

Choices Not Chances: Teaching youth the consequences of choices through scenarios involving gangs, bullying, and dating violence. Educators and parents can also access the presentation and scripts online at www.indy.gov/MCPO to use with classes or their family.

Gang education: Recognizing gang activity and what to do to keep children out of gangs.

Other Services

Child Support Enforcement: For assistance in the establishment, enforcement and modification of court ordered child support, please call (317) 327-1800.

Adult Protective Services
Hotline: Report endangered adults to (877) 284-0063.

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